

I claim:

1. A chew article for animals, comprising:

a fabric sleeve having a plurality of openings, and

a solid edible product at least partially enclosed within said fabric sleeve.

5 2. The article of claim 1, wherein said fabric sleeve comprises a natural-fiber material.

3. The article of claim 2, wherein said fabric sleeve comprises cotton.

4. The article of claim 1, wherein said article includes in combination said edible product and a cordage member.

10 5. The article of claim 1, wherein said article further includes a re-sealable closure means disposed along an edge of said fabric sleeve.

6. The article of claim 4, wherein said article further includes re-sealable closure means disposed along an edge of said fabric sleeve.

7. The article of claim 1, wherein said fabric sleeve comprises fabric strips arrayed in a criss-cross pattern.

8. The article of claim 4, wherein said fabric sleeve comprise fabric strips arrayed in a criss-cross pattern.

9. The article of claim 6, wherein said fabric sleeve comprises fabric strips arrayed in a criss-cross pattern.

5 10. The article of claim 1, wherein said plurality of openings are between one-quarter inch to one inch in diameter.

11. The article of claim 1, wherein said sleeve is treated with a medicinal agent.

12. The article of claim 11, wherein said medicinal agent is selected from the oral care ingredient group consisting of vitamins, minerals, fluoride, chlorophyll, urea, thymol, golden seal, peroxide,  
10 and salivary enzymes.

13. A method for administering a medicinal agent to an animal, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a fabric sleeve having a plurality of openings,

(b) treating said fabric sleeve with one or more medicinal agents; and

(c) giving said fabric sleeve of step (b) to said animal to chew.

15 14. The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of:

at least partially enclosing a solid edible product within said fabric sleeve prior to step (c).

15. The method of claim 14, wherein an additional edible product is enclosed within said edible product.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein said additional edible product comprises a cordage member.